The Villages Art League Newsletter

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Quote of the Month: *"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."* - Elizabeth Arnold

President's Message

Bonnie Canning

Dear Fellow Members ~

I am so happy to report that we now have a wonderful team of VAL volunteers to direct our always successful Summer Arts Festival.

The team is Chaired by Dore Via Dumas, who will bring her experience as chair of the November 2016 Artists Showcase to our summer show. She will be joined by Jo Magram, once again working her Publicity magic, Diane Weekley and Ellen Hellwege, our accomplished Registration team, Shirley Jerez overseeing Refreshments for exhibitors and volunteers, and Janeen Whetstone, who will organize the Monitors and Greeters the day of the show.

As you may notice, all of our Summer Arts Festival team, except Janeen, are reprising their roles from previous VAL art shows. Although experience definitely has its benefits, it would be great to get other members to volunteer with their fresh ideas!

A few members occasionally comment about having the same group of people always running the VAL. But in fact, it is often the same members who are willing to step up to the plate every time volunteers are so desperately needed.

Please think about where you might pitch in the next time there is a call for volunteers. Without volunteers there can be no VAL. Please help our club be the best that it can be for everybody!

With thanks from your fellow artist and president,

Bonnie

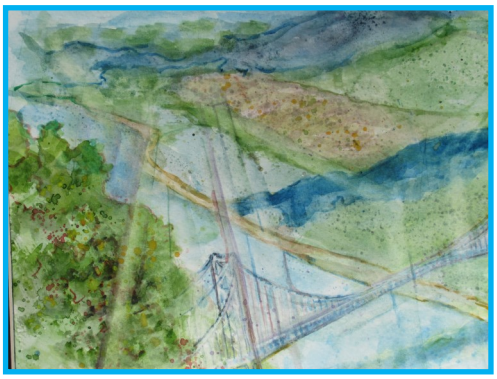
REMINDER OF VAL MEETING LOCATION…AT MOYER REC CENTER.

Artist of the Month—Jim Zatlukal

Jim's Art Experience: Public school Art teacher in NYS starting in 1954; US Army -troop info/education 2 years; Art Teacher & Dept. Chr. 6 years; Assoc. Bureau chief NYS Dept. of Education; Asst. Professor Art & Humanities- State University of New York at Buffalo; Professor of Advanced Art history, Humanities and creativity; adjunct prof. studio Art Mt. St. Mary College, Newburg, NY. Also: elementary and secondary principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent of a number of schools in New York State.

Jim returned to painting in 1997 after a 30 year hiatus - in Florida and New York.

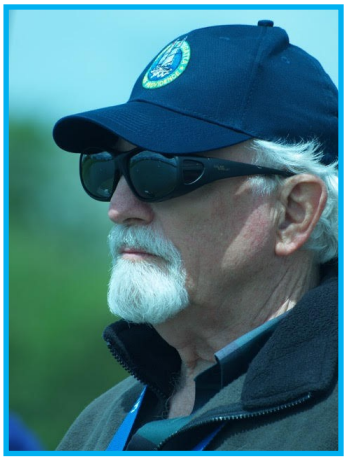
Work Shown in Empire State Plaza - Albany NY; Pittsfield MA; Buffalo - Albright-Knox Museum; recently- Burchfield Center; Hung and had 3 one-man shows at University Club in Winter Park, FL and currently have a religious one-man show at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church on Rainey Trail in the Villages.



CONGRATULATIONS!

The judge, Robert Stenstream, awarded these artists with ribbons at the **Spring La Galleria Fine Arts show**: 1st place, Bridgette Greb; 2nd place, Kathleen Hansen; 3rd place, Valerie Mydske. Awards of Merit: Roger Sherman and Lee Asta. Honorable Mentions: Terri Behar and Freddie Venturoni. Photography: 1st place, Betty Eich; 2nd place, Billie Edwards. The show will hang until June 10, 2017.

April Program—Steve Lang



Steve is a 1963 graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point. As an Army officer, he led ground troops in combat in Vietnam. Later he created and operated several businesses in his civilian career, finally retiring in 2014 from his "retirement business."

In Feb 2015, Steve joined the Sculpting club at Mulberry Rec Center and learned to build in clay from Mary McKimmey and others in the club. By summer, he began studying at the New Masters Academy on line, and via books and CDs from Philippe Faraut. Steve is scheduled for a 5-day workshop with Faraut at his studios in upstate NY in July.

What Steve will demonstrate at our VAL meeting is wet clay rapid construction of mass, and portrait features. Using two different portraits in different stages of completion, Steve will be able to jump ahead to cover proportion and primary markers for portrait sculpture.

Steve has begun showing some of his work even though he has not yet settled on a primary subject interest. He recently taught a workshop on "speed building" of the portrait in clay, a course spanning 20 hours of in-session demos and student hands-on work. Steve's leading/teaching background is extensive in varied subjects - but none in the arts.

Join Steve for a fast-paced demonstration of 3D creating in wet clay.

2017 VAL Officers
Jeanne Willette, Vice President; Bonnie Canning, President;
Gail Parker, Secretary; Jay Summers, Treasurer

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Business Meetings: 9-11:30 am the first Monday of the month at the Moyer Rec Center.

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Art League Places to Exhibit

Eisenhower Art Exhibit in the Eisenhower Regional Rec Center has a fine art exhibit that is not judged. Exhibit dates for 2017 are: Jan 9, Mar. 13, May 8, July 10, Sept. 11 and Nov. 13.

La Galleria at La Hacienda from September to December that is judged.

Citizens Bank on Rt. 466 or on Rt. 441 monthly exhibit. Also in Spanish Springs for the **Artist of the Month.**

Summer Art Festival held at Lake Miona Rec Center on July 8, 2017.
Artists' Showcase held at Eisenhower Rec Center on October 27, 2017.
VAL members can show and sell their artwork during these one-day events.

Florida Blood Center at Spanish Plaines Shopping Center has a 3-month exhibit open to all Village residents. It changes the first Tuesday of March, June, September and December at 9 a.m. For information call Fran Naughton 350-2169, Vivian Chaska 750-5367, Margie Picard 750-1965 or "Freddie" Venturoni 259-2577.

Free Art League Workshops

MONDAY 9:00-NOON MOYER REC CENTER

THURSDAY 1-5 PM MULBERRY REC CENTER

SATURDAY 8:30-11 AM PARADISE REC CENTER

Newsletter Submissions Deadline: 20th of the month - leda.rabenold@gmail.com